

# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 24, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Self-Determination Update

**FROM:** Self-Determination Coordinator

**TO:** Tribal Chairpersons  
Tribal Health Directors  
Urban Executive Directors  
GLITC and ITC of MI Health Directors  
Self-Governance Coordinators  
Service Unit Directors

*Note: Please make copies available to interested council members and health boards*

## **New Health Director Orientation Session on IHS & Bemidji Area Office**

A New Health Director's Orientation to IHS and Bemidji Area Office session is scheduled for **May 23-24, 2001** at the Bemidji Area Office in Bemidji, MN. Health Directors, tribal council members, health board members and health staff are invited to attend. Advance registration is requested so we can tailor the agenda/presentations to meet your needs and have enough packets for everyone. Call Cathy Bird @ 218/759-3421 and let her know how many persons will attend.

## **Pre-negotiation Meeting For FY 2002 – Bemidji Area Contracting & Self-Governance Tribes**

The Pre-negotiation Meeting for FY 2002 negotiations has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, May 30, 2001**. The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Minneapolis Airport at the Mall. A block of rooms has been reserved, under the name "Indian Health Service" at the government rate of \$95 plus tax. In order to receive the special group rate, all reservations must be made by calling the hotel directly at 952/854-2244. **You must call by Sunday, April 29, 2001** to assure you will receive this rate.

## **Tribal Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting**

A one-half day TAB Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 11, 2001** from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel Minneapolis Airport at the Mall. An agenda will be sent out soon. Following this meeting, the Spring All I/T/U Meeting will be held. See information below for hotel accommodations.

**Spring All I/T/U Meeting**

The Spring All I/T/U Meeting will be held on **June 11-12, 2001** starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel Minneapolis Airport at the Mall. A block of rooms has been reserved, under the name "Indian Health Service" at the government rate of \$95 plus tax. In order to receive the special group rate, all reservations must be made by calling the hotel directly at 952/854-2244. **You must call by Friday, May 11, 2001** to assure you will receive this rate.

**IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)**

Enclosed are minutes from the March 22, 2001 TSGAC meeting, provided by Bill Schaaf from Office of Self-Governance, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. If you have questions about the content of the meeting minutes, please call Bill at 320/532-4181.

**Statements from DHHS Secretary Tommy Thompson**

Enclosed are two statements released from Tommy Thompson's office on 1) commitment to tribal consultation and 2) Privacy Patient Rule.

The FY 2001 Congressional Increases Distribution Spreadsheets will be sent under separate cover memo. Please call me at 218/759-3424 if you have questions.

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